

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A pesticidal emulsifiable concentrate comprising (a) 1 to 60% by weight of a pyrethroid compound, (b) 2 to 15% by weight of at least one surfactant and (c) 15 to 90% by weight of at least one aromatic ester solvent represented by the formula:

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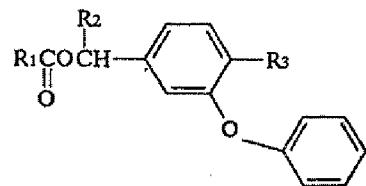
[1]

wherein R represents non-aromatic group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; Ar represents an aromatic group; and X represents a single bond or an alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

the aromatic ester solvent (c) being selected from the group consisting of methyl benzoate, ethyl benzoate, propyl benzoate, ethyl 2- methylbenzoate, methyl 2-methylbenzoate, ethyl 3-methylbenzoate, ethyl 4-methylbenzoate, ethyl phenylpropionate and ethyl phenylacetate.

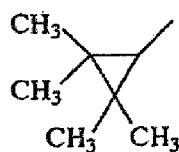
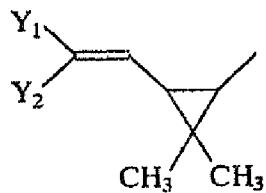
2 and 3. (canceled).

4. (previously presented): The pesticidal emulsifiable concentrate according to the claim 1, wherein the pyrethroid compound (a) is a compound represented by the formula:

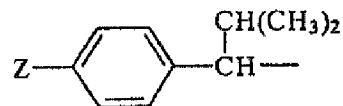


[3]

wherein R₁ represents a group of the formula



or



Y_1 and Y_2 are same or different and each represents a methyl group, a trifluoromethyl group, a halogen atom or an alkoxy carbonyl group (the number of carbons atoms of the alkoxy group is from 1 to 4); and Z represents a halogen atom or a difluoromethoxy group; R_2 represents a hydrogen atom or a cyano group; and R_3 represents a hydrogen atom or a fluorine atom.

5. (canceled).

6. (previously presented): The pesticidal emulsifiable concentrate according to claim 1 or 4, wherein the surfactant (b) is nonionic surfactant and/or anionic surfactant.

7. (previously presented): The pesticidal emulsifiable concentrate according to claim 1 or 4, wherein the amounts of the pesticidal active ingredient compound (a), the surfactant (b) and the aromatic ester solvent (c) are 2 to 40% by weight, 2 to 10% by weight and 20 to 60% by weight, respectively.

8-9. (canceled).

10. (original): The pesticidal emulsifiable concentrate according to claim 6, wherein the amounts of the pesticidal active ingredient compound (a), the surfactant (b) and the aromatic ester solvent (c) are 2 to 40% by weight, 2 to 10% by weight and 20 to 60% by weight, respectively.